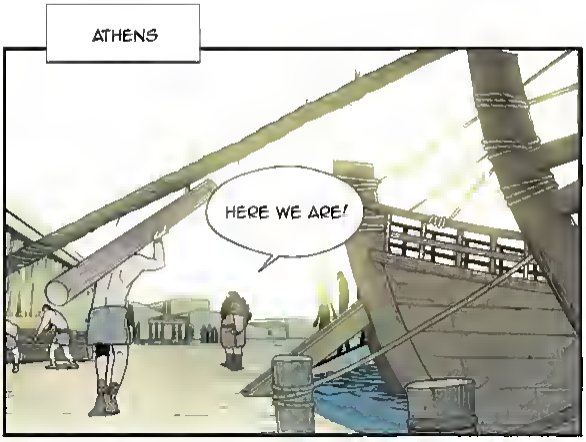
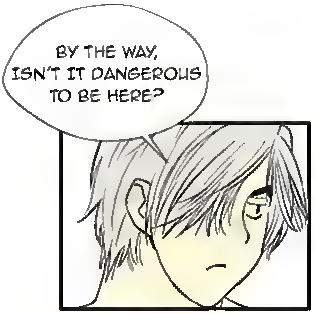
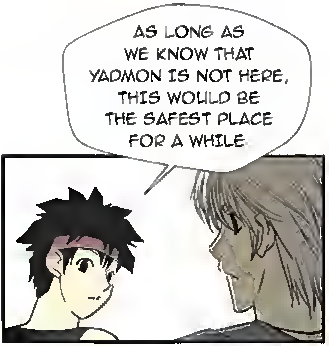
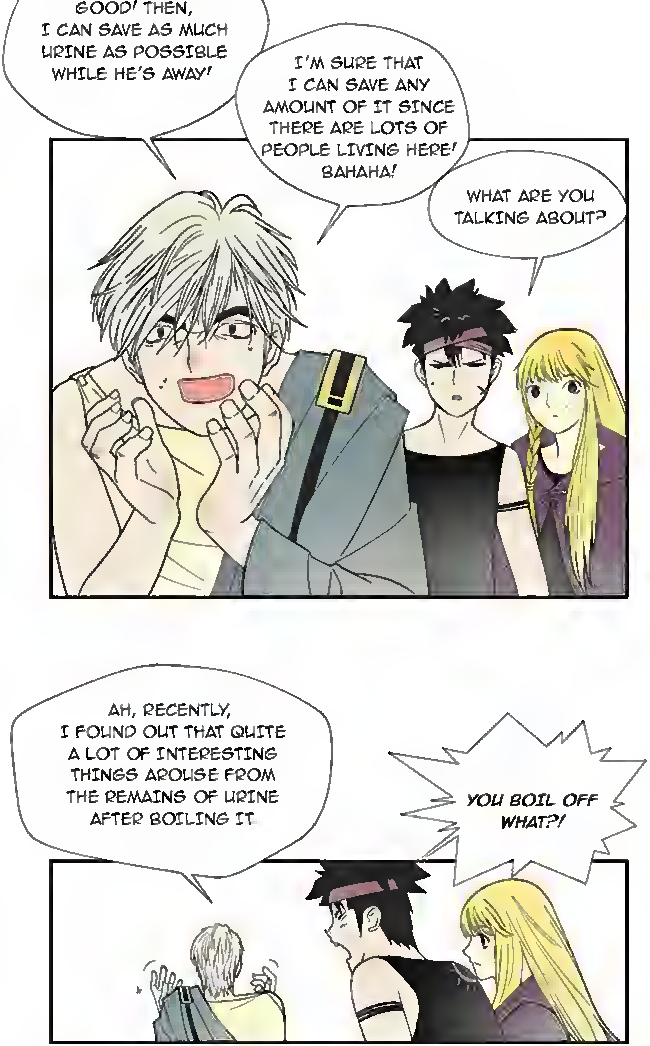
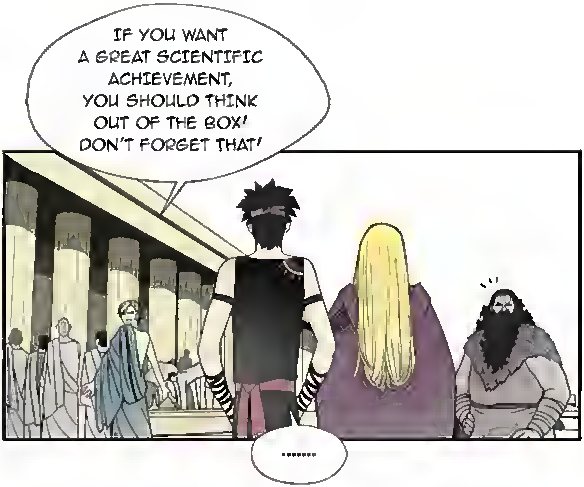

ATHENS
HERE WE ARE!

IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE BEING HERE!
YEAH, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D COME BACK.


BY THE WAY, ISN'T IT DANGEROUS TO BE HERE?


AS LONG AS WE KNOW THAT YAMON IS NOT HERE, THIS WOULD BE THE SAFEST PLACE FOR A WHILE


GOOD! THEN, I CAN SAVE AS MUCH URINE AS POSSIBLE WHILE HE'S AWAY!
I'M SURE THAT I CAN SAVE ANY AMOUNT OF IT SINCE THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE LIVING HERE! BAHAHA!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AH, RECENTLY, I FOUND OUT THAT QUITE A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS AROUSE FROM THE REMAINS OF URINE AFTER BOILING IT.
YOU BOIL OFF WHAT?!


IF YOU WANT A GREAT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT, YOU SHOULD THINK OUT OF THE BOX! DON'T FORGET THAT!
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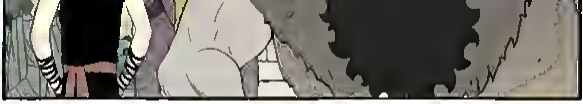
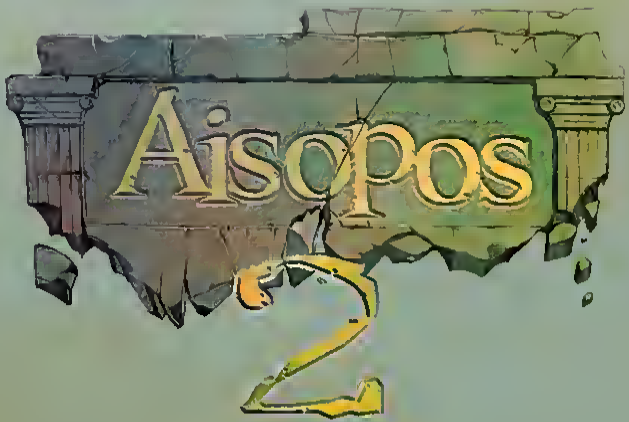
I'M GOING TO VISIT HYMETTUS. I WANT TO SEE HOW IT HAS CHANGED!



THEN, SHALL WE...?
YES.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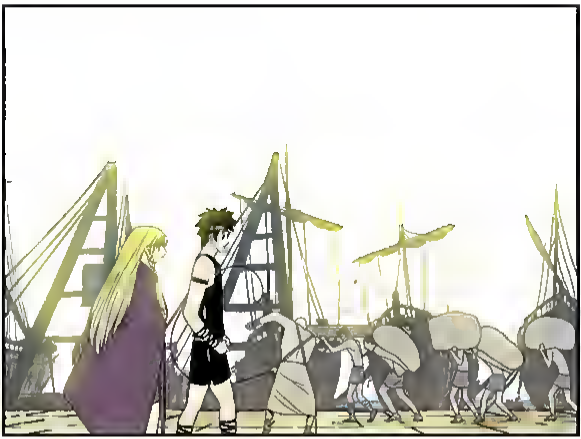

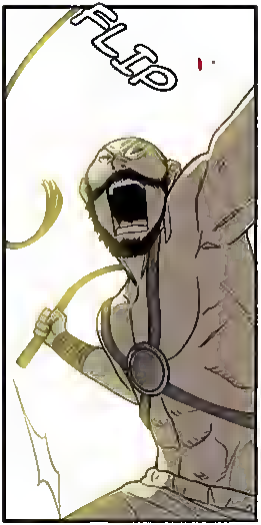
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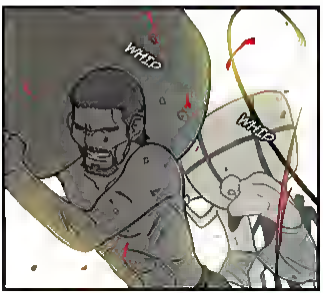
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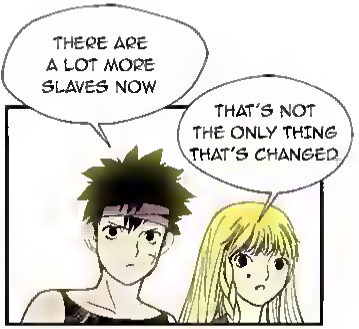
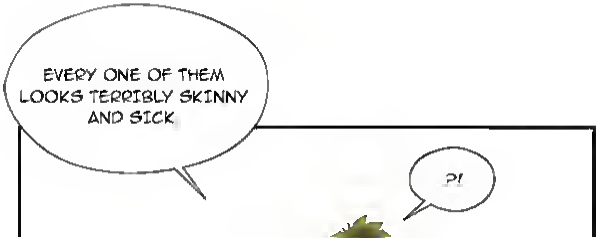

THERE ARE A LOT MORE SLAVES NOW
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING THAT'S CHANGED


EVERY ONE OF THEM LOOKS TERRIBLY SKINNY AND SICK
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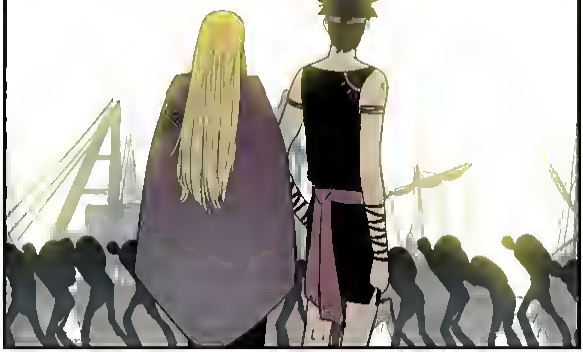
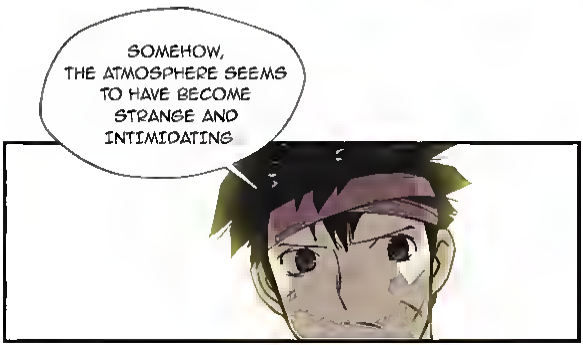


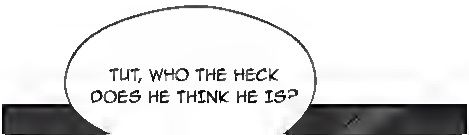

SOMEHOW,
THE ATMOSPHERE SEEMS
TO HAVE BECOME
STRANGE AND
INTIMIDATING

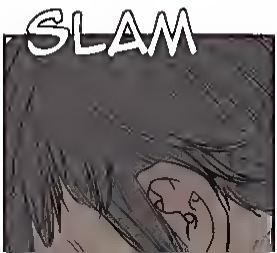
AT THIS RATE, ALL THE SLAVES WILL STARVE TO DEATH OR THEY'LL RISE IN REVOLT!

THEY WERE CITIZENS LIKE US IN THE PAST! SLAVES ARE NOT ANIMALS!
WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT TECHNICALLY THEY'RE NOT ANIMALS. ANIMALS ARE LIVING THINGS. BUT SLAVES ARE JUST THINGS WE CAN BUY AND SELL.
HAHA, EXACTLY!

ALKANOS, KNOW YOUR DISTANCE, AND ACT LIKE IT! YOU'RE SCRATCHING AS A WHARF MANAGER AFTER YOUR BUSINESS COLLAPSED BECAUSE YOU GOT ON THE WRONG SIDE OF SIR YADMON

YOU HAD BETTER LOWER YOUR VOICE UNLESS YOU WANT TO LOSE YOUR JOB HERE AND BECOME ONE OF THEM OUT THERE WHAT DO YOU THINK?


TUT, WHO THE HECK DOES HE THINK HE IS?


SLAM

HE'S STILL IN DELUSION THAT HE'S THE WHARF MASTER, ISN'T HE?

SIR ALKANOS

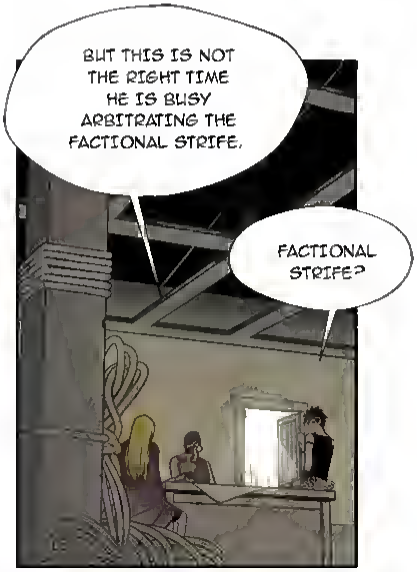
SIR ALKANOS?

SIR, DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

GRASP

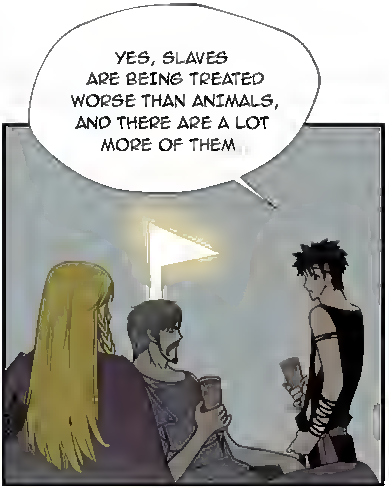
I SEE THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE

YES, SIR
SO, I MUST SEE SOLON FIRST.

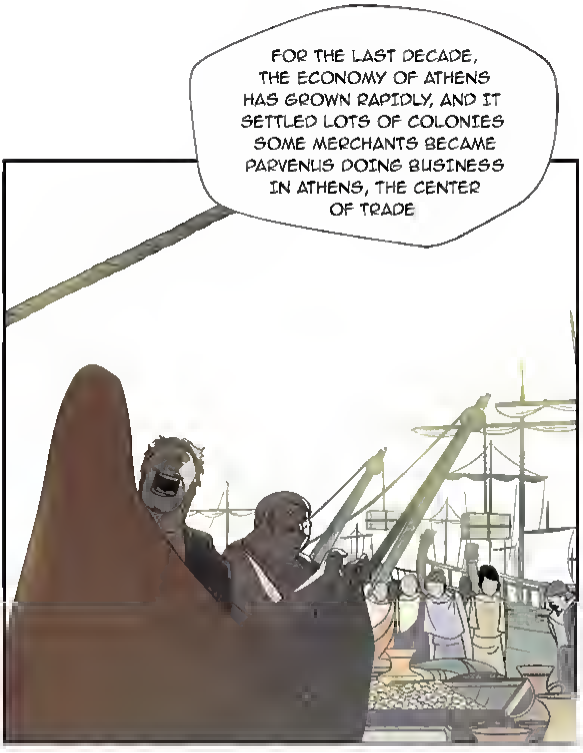

BUT THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME HE IS BUSY ARBITRATING THE FACTIONAL STRIFE.
FACTIONAL STRIFE?

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ATHENS?

YOU CAN TELL IT'S NOT LIKE THE OLD DAYS JUST BY LOOKING AT DOCK WORKERS, HUH?


YES, SLAVES ARE BEING TREATED WORSE THAN ANIMALS, AND THERE ARE A LOT MORE OF THEM

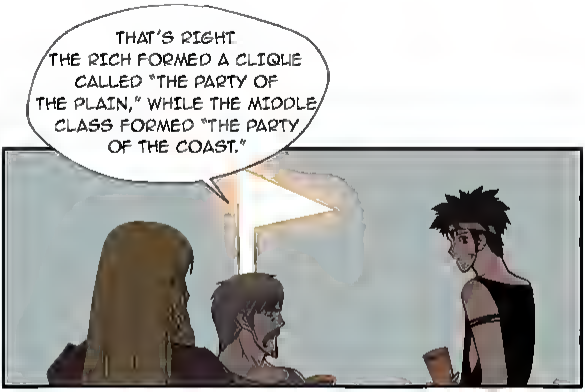
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR


FOR THE LAST DECADE, THE ECONOMY OF ATHENS HAS GROWN RAPIDLY, AND IT SETTLED LOTS OF COLONIES SOME MERCHANTS BECAME PARVENUS DOING BUSINESS IN ATHENS, THE CENTER OF TRADE

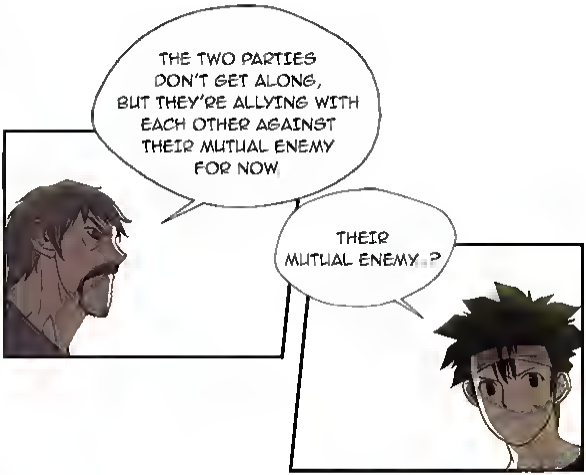
HOWEVER,
AS PARVENUS EMERGED,
THE NUMBER OF THE POOR
INCREASED VERY QUICKLY
AFTER ALL, THE POOR OWED DEBTS
FROM THE RICH AND ENDED UP
BEING SLAVES BELONGING TO
BIG LANDOWNERS

HUMANS ARE SUCH CRUEL ANIMALS. AFTER THEY REALIZED THAT THEY HAVE ABSOLUTE POWER, THE RICH STARTED TO TREAT THEIR SLAVES WITH NO RESPECT ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, SLAVES WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE A BIT OF FREEDOM AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT SO MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED NOW

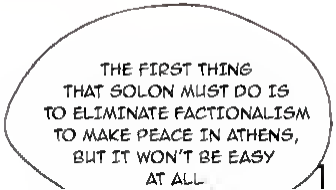
THEN, THE FACTIONAL STRIFE YOU TALKED ABOUT, IS IT BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR?

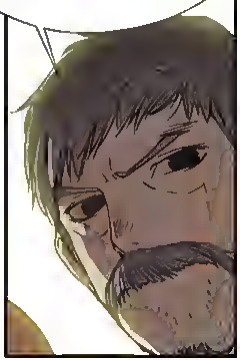

THAT'S RIGHT
THE RICH FORMED A CLIQUE CALLED "THE PARTY OF THE PLAIN," WHILE THE MIDDLE CLASS FORMED "THE PARTY OF THE COAST."

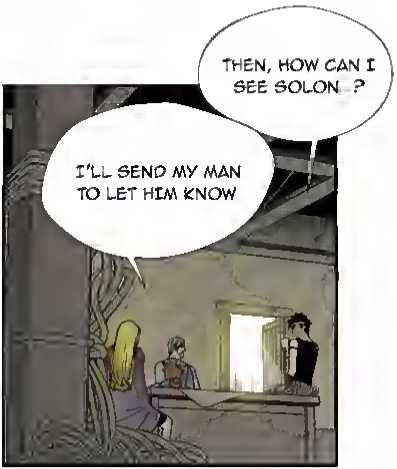
LYKOURGOS IS THE LEADER OF THE PARTY OF THE PLAIN AND MEGACLES IS THAT OF THE PARTY OF THE COAST.


THE TWO PARTIES DON'T GET ALONG, BUT THEY'RE ALLYING WITH EACH OTHER AGAINST THEIR MUTUAL ENEMY FOR NOW.
THEIR MUTUAL ENEMY...?

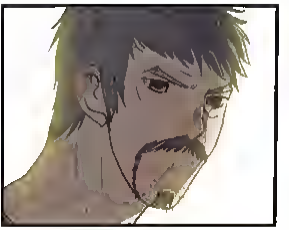
IT'S THE PARTY OF THE MOUNTAIN. IT CONSISTS OF THE POOR, BANDITS AND TRAMPS. THEY HID DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS AND EXPANDED THEIR INFLUENCE BY BARTER.


THE FIRST THING THAT SOLON MUST DO IS TO ELIMINATE FACTIONALISM TO MAKE PEACE IN ATHENS, BUT IT WON'T BE EASY AT ALL.




THEN, HOW CAN I SEE SOLON...?
I'LL SEND MY MAN TO LET HIM KNOW

SIR, ARE YOU
A FRIEND OF SOLON?



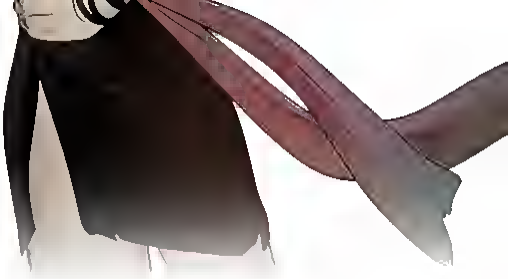
MAYBE,
MAYBE NOT

ANYWAY,
WHY DID YOU COME TO ATHENS? WHAT IF YADMON FINDS OUT YOU'RE HERE?

IT'S OKAY
I WITNESSED
MYSELF THAT HE'S
NOT HERE.

AND EVEN IF
HE GETS ME...

IT WON'T BE EASY FOR HIM TO MAKE ME KNEEL IN FRONT OF HIM



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